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## STEWART UNDER A HEAVY FIRE

Strong Circumstantial  
Evidence Against An-  
nie Bolling's Slayer.

## TELL ABOUT CHILD OF DEAD WOMAN

Reference to Mrs. Bolling Being  
an Opium Eater—The Ground  
Around Girl's Body So Sat-  
urated With Oil That the  
Earth Burned From a  
Match Applied to It.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUSSEX C. H. VA., via STONY  
CREEK, VA., January 5.—The first wit-  
ness to-day in the Stewart case was  
Spencer Crowshaw, who found the body  
of the dead girl that Sunday morning.  
Mr. Crowshaw gave in about the same  
testimony as given at the examination at  
Jarratt last August. The diagram was  
shown the witness, and he was asked  
to explain the position of body of the  
girl when found by him, and to give the  
distance from where the body was found  
to the residence of Mr. Stewart; also to  
the house at Mr. Wray's.  
This he started out to do, but Mr.  
Mann stated that he had a map of the  
entire locality prepared by the county  
surveyor, and Messrs. Buford and Coker  
agreed to use this map later on in place  
of the one drawn and submitted by them.  
The witness identified the piece of cloth  
shown him as being the piece found near  
the body. Witness was on the stand  
nearly two hours, and was never asked  
any question by Mr. Mann, but his testimony  
could not be shaken in the least. Mr.  
Crowshaw made one of the best witnesses  
of the trial thus far. He was questioned  
at length by the lawyers on both sides as  
to the threat Stewart had made against  
himself.

## Heard Screams.

The next witness placed on the stand  
was Ernest Crowshaw, who told of hav-  
ing heard the screams of "some one" to  
distress southward before the death of  
the girl. This witness was asked if he  
was made by a woman in distress.  
Witness further stated that he heard  
the screams about 2 o'clock in the after-  
noon. Mr. Crowshaw was asked if he  
heard the screams during the evening or  
night and answered that it did. Witness  
was asked a few more important questions,  
and was told to stand aside.

The next witness called was Mr. C. B.  
Barrow, of Brunswick county, who  
told of his buying a tract of land from  
Mrs. Anna Bolling, mother of the  
dead girl. Mr. Barrow identified a check  
shown him by Mr. Buford as being the  
one given by him to Anna Bolling. Mr.  
Witness was asked at length by Mr.  
Buford as to some letters he had written  
for Miss Bolling to Stewart.

## A Living Child.

Witness was asked the question if  
Miss Bolling had a living child, and he  
testified that she had. Witness was ex-  
cused, and court took a recess for one  
hour.

The first witness called at the after-  
noon session was John Shepherd (col-  
loquial). After giving his name and age  
the witness was asked to tell what he  
knew about the case. He went on to  
state that when he went to work that  
evening he heard the screams of "some  
one" to distress, and that he saw the  
body of the girl lying on the ground.  
He said he was certain it came from  
some person in trouble.

Frank Biers testified that he passed  
the place where the body was found on  
his way from the corner's inquest and  
picked up a piece of rag that smelled as if  
it had kerosene oil on it. Witness stated  
that he was positive that he smelt oil  
on the cloth found near the body of the  
girl.

Coker was then recalled and was  
asked by Mr. Buford to identify a piece  
of cloth exhibited to the court, which he  
did and went on to tell of his putting the  
cloth in a piece of paper, which was  
shown to the jury. Oil of some kind  
was plainly seen on the paper. This pa-  
per was carefully examined by the jury.  
Thos. J. Hill (colloquial) telling corner  
of the inquest, was next witness called.  
He identified pieces of cloth shown him  
as being those found near the dead girl  
on the day of the inquest. The witness  
stated in a clear manner that oil was  
on the cloth in his possession and ex-  
plained fully why he knew it was kero-  
sene oil, but had no knowledge of it on  
any other piece of cloth being found on that  
day.

Even the Earth Burned.  
Mr. John Mayes was the next witness  
called. He stated that on the day the  
body was found, he placed a lighted  
match at the foot of the tree and the  
ground and earth burned exactly as if oil  
had been poured on it. He stated that  
the hair of the dead girl lay about 20  
feet from the body. He said that it rained  
a little on the evening of the day the  
girl was found, and that he was closely  
cross-questioned as to the difference in the appearance  
of blood and water, when found on the  
ground.

Mrs. Nannie Chappell, sister of the ac-  
cused, made a clear statement of the ac-  
tions of her brother. Her testimony was  
given in a straightforward manner and  
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## FLAGSHIP HITS ROCK; FOUNDERS

Russian Battleship Kniaz  
Souvaroff Reported  
Lost.

## JAPANESE TAKING OVER PORT ARTHUR

Later Reports From Nogi In-  
dicate That Number of Prison-  
ers Will be at Least 48,000.  
Stoessel Will Have to  
Stand Court-  
Martial.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, January 5.—The St. Peter-  
burg correspondent of the Paris edition  
of the New York Herald telegraphs that  
Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship,  
the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, has  
struck a rock and foundered.

The latest report from Vice Admiral  
Rojestvensky's squadron was contained  
in a dispatch dated Tamatave, Island of  
Madagascar, January 23, in which it was  
stated that the Vice Admiral's division  
of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron, con-  
sisting of five battleships, three cruisers,  
two transports and a hospital ship, had  
anchored on that day in the roadstead of  
Sainte Marie, an island on the east coast.

The Kniaz Souvaroff was built at St.  
Petersburg in 1902 and was of 13,500 tons  
displacement. Her length was 387 1/2  
feet; her beam 76 feet; her draught 35 feet,  
and indicated horse power 16,000. Her  
armament was of the Russian Krupp pat-  
tern and consisted of four 12-inch, twelve  
6-inch, twenty 3-inch, twenty 2-pounder  
and six 1-pounder guns. She had six  
torpedo tubes. Her complement of men  
was 740.

## Squadron to Return.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, January 5.—Al-  
though orders to that effect have not  
been sent, Admiral Rojestvensky, the  
Associated Press, is able to announce pos-  
itively that the decision has been reached  
that the Russian second Pacific squadron  
will return to European waters.

## GARRISON, MARSHALL. Town Appears to Have Been But Slightly Damaged by the Bombardment.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, January 5.—Special dis-  
patches from Tokyo say that the Port Ar-  
thur garrison was marauded at 9 o'clock  
Thursday morning at Yabutsu, in ac-  
cordance with the terms of the supplemen-  
tary agreement.

The Standard's Port Arthur correspond-  
ent reports that the town appears to  
have been little damaged by the bom-  
bardment. Carriages and rickshaws, he  
says, are moving about with well dressed  
people, who apparently are anything but  
starved. The ruined forts resemble hills  
shaken by a mighty convulsion, and in  
many cases every trace of the works has  
disappeared.

According to the Daily Mail's Wel-  
Hal-Wel correspondent, the British cruiser  
Andromeda, which sailed from Port Ar-  
thur Wednesday morning for Port Arthur  
with hospital stores and surgeons, and  
which was not allowed to make a land-  
ing at Port Arthur, had a narrow es-  
cape, having passed two floating mines.  
Japanese officials in London consider  
that it was solely on account of the  
danger of mine sweeping striking mines that  
the Andromeda's aid was declined. It  
is stated, however, that the British ad-  
miral omitted the formality of first ask-  
ing whether assistance was acceptable  
to the Japanese authorities.

## NEARLY 50,000 TAKEN.

Later Reports From Nogi Show  
Large Increase in Number  
of Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Jan. 5.—A report received to-  
day from General Nogi's headquarters  
largely increases the figures of the sur-  
rendering garrison, and intimates that  
the force handed over to the Japanese at  
Port Arthur will be 32,000, exclusive of  
15,000 or 16,000 sick and wounded, making

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## PRESENTMENT AGAINST BISHOP IS WITHDRAWN

Presenters Reserve Right to Take  
New Action if Prelate Does  
Not Ask for Trial.

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., January 5.—J.  
Frederick Jenkinson, of this city, one of  
the presenters of the charges against  
Bishop Talbot, of the Central Pennsylv-  
ania Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal  
Church, after a conference in New York  
to-day with Herbert Noble, and  
to the Rev. Dr. W. B. Bodine, presi-  
dent of the board of inquiry, a paper  
withdrawing the presentments. The pre-  
senter reserved the right to draw up a  
new presentment based on the charges  
contained in the one now withdrawn, if  
Bishop Talbot does not himself ask for a  
trial. A copy of the withdrawal has been  
sent to Bishop Tuttle at St. Louis.

## Crozier Interdicted.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Jockey Club  
has interdicted Richard Crozier from  
training his horses on New Market Heath.  
No reason is given. Three of Mr. Crozier's  
yearlings recently arrived at New Market  
to be trained by the Australian J. F.  
Brewer.

## FIRST APOSTLE BLESSES CITY

John Alexander Dowle  
Passes Through  
Richmond.

## NO PHYSICIANS IN ZION OF THE WEST

Elijah III. Is the Healer of His  
Devoted People—Talks Freely  
to Times-Dispatch Repre-  
sentative of His Doc-  
trines—"War a  
Pity."

Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee.  
Jehovah make His face to shine upon  
thee, and be gracious unto thee.  
Jehovah lift up His countenance upon  
thee, and give thee Peace.

With hand and voice raised in benedi-  
ction, John Alexander, Elijah, the Prophet  
of the Restoration, First Apostle of the  
Lord Jesus, the Christ, in the Christian  
Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, remem-  
bering a patriarch of old, stood on the  
rear platform of his private car, as the  
train pulled out of the Main Street Sta-  
tion yesterday afternoon.

The First Apostle is of commanding  
presence, with a grand, looking head—a  
head showing that determination that  
has evolved order out of chaos, and built  
up a new creed, counting its followers in  
every country upon the globe.

A man of small stature, but full of that  
mysterious force called personal mag-  
netism, whose very gesture carries a  
world of meaning.

A representative of The Times-Dispatch,  
at the invitation of the Rev. John Alex-  
ander Dowle, who is called in busi-  
ness life "the Seaboard Air Line  
train at Dowle and made the trip to  
Richmond as the guest of the "First Ap-  
ostle" in his private car "Banger."

The First Apostle was accompanied by  
Deacon Oran Reese, general superintendent  
of Zion Transportation and Railway Af-  
fairs, and Deacon Frank W. Cotton, gen-  
eral director of hotels. These four made  
up the party that is spending on its way  
to the Royal Palm Hotel at Miami,  
Florida.

## The First Apostle.

Deacon Oran Reese, being asked to ex-  
plain the official titles of the head of  
the Zion Church, said:  
"He is addressed as the 'First Apostle.'  
In business, and you know he is a grand  
business man, he is known as 'the Seaboard  
Air Line train at Dowle' but his ecclesiastical  
title is Elijah, the Prophet of the Restora-  
tion, and First Apostle of the Lord Jesus,  
the Christ, in the Christian Catholic Ap-  
ostolic Church in Zion."

"The Elijah of the Old Testament was  
Elijah the Destroyer; then came John the  
Baptist, who was the Second Elijah, and  
finally Elijah, the Restorer, the third  
Elijah, who became the First Apostle of  
Zion."

The ecclesiastical residence at Zion  
City is the heart of our church,  
but we have headquarters in London for  
Great Britain; in Zurich for the Continen-  
tal; in Johannesburg for Africa; in Mel-  
bourne for Australia, and New Zealand  
and at Shanghai for Asia.

At this point the First Apostle, who had  
been sleeping in his room, entered the  
drawing-room at the end of the car. All  
arose to receive him. The three deacons  
bowed profoundly and backing before the  
head of the church, and the First Apostle  
gave a winning smile upon his face. The  
First Apostle greeted The Times-Dis-  
patch representative kindly. Unassum-  
ing was his manner, but with it a dig-  
nity that commanded respect of all.

His hair and beard are long and white,  
falling luxuriantly over his shoulders and  
upon his breast; his eyes are bright, look-  
ing straight into yours, and although his  
face appears somewhat tired and shows  
the signs of overwork, his smile is winning.  
There is the power of the man—a feeling  
of friendship and interest goes out in  
that wonderful smile and draws men to  
him—that is the keynote to his personal  
magnetism.

Rather short in stature, with a figure  
well knit and compact, he dresses in the  
manner of the Southern statesman of by-  
gone days. His voice in conversation is a  
low and pleasant, while his every word is  
driven home and accentuated by easy  
and telling gestures, for this First Ap-  
ostle of a new creed is a diplomat and a  
man of the world.

## His First Visit Here.

"I have never before been in Virginia,"  
said he, "but I have always wanted to  
visit this country."

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## CRUM WILL RESIGN AND GET ANOTHER JOB

Solution of South Carolina Snarl  
Said to be Due to Presi-  
dent Himself.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 5.—A  
solution for the celebrated case of Dr.  
W. D. Crum, whom President Roosevelt  
has appointed five times to the collec-  
torship of the port of Charleston, S. C.,  
is found at last. It is stated on the best  
of authority that as soon as Crum's nomi-  
nation is confirmed by the Senate, he  
will resign. The President will then ap-  
point him to some position in Washington,  
and will name some white man, accept-  
able to all parties concerned, for the po-  
sition of collector of the port.

It is not believed the President will  
again appoint colored men to positions in  
the South in the teeth of such opposi-  
tion as was made to the appointment  
of Crum and President Roosevelt himself  
is given credit for this solution of the  
snarl.

The nomination of Crum was reported  
favorably by the Senate Committee on  
Commerce to-day. There will be no more  
than perfunctory opposition to the con-  
firmation.



FIRST APOSTLE BLESSING RICHMOND PEOPLE.  
Elijah III. Came Out to the Rear End of His Private Car as the Train was Leaving the Main Street Station and With  
Hands Lifted Above Those in the Depot, Gave Them His Benediction.

## MOTION AGAIN TO DISCHARGE JURY

Pathetic Devotion Shown by  
Nancy Morgan to Old  
Master.

## THE PROSECUTION CLOSES

Wooldridge, Though Worn and  
Nervous, Laughs at Everything  
Ludicrous Said and Done.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FARMVILLE, VA., January 5.—The  
leading feature of the fourth day  
of the trial of Wooldridge for the burning  
of the Forbes property was the renewal  
of the motion by the Commonwealth for  
the discharge of the jury on account of  
the alleged incompetency of one of the  
panel. The attorneys argued at length  
the motion to discharge the jury. Juror  
Venable made a statement to the court.

The evidence on behalf of the prosecu-  
tion was closed this afternoon. In the  
evidence of Nancy Morgan, the old ser-  
vant of John Forbes showed a spirit  
of devotion to her old master that was  
pathetic. A very damaging statement  
of F. A. Forbes, of what Charlie Forbes  
had told him, was held by the court to  
be inadmissible.

The evidence of Sears, for the defense,  
contradicted Morgan's witness for the  
prosecution. Wooldridge, through nervous  
excitement, showed the effects of the try-  
ing ordeal, laughs at any and every amu-  
sing thing he happens to see or hear.

Judge Hundley demands and preserves  
the most perfect order in the crowded  
court room.

The prisoner when brought into court  
this morning seemed cheerful and con-  
tented. In a few minutes Miss Maud  
came in, and, as usual, kissed her father  
affectionately.

C. A. Spencer, the jailer of Bucking-  
ham county, testified to an alleged at-  
tempt the prisoner made to break jail  
some time in October. He went to the  
lock in the morning at 8 o'clock and found  
the lock out of the cage and in the cell out-  
side. He saw no evidence of further at-  
tempt of prisoner to escape.

Peter A. Forbes, clerk of the courts of  
Buckingham county, and a brother of  
John S. Forbes, was visibly affected  
by the stand. Wooldridge had con-  
versed with witness several times about  
the burning. Prisoner had asked him  
on one occasion if children could not

## IN VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER.

A verdict of involuntary manslaughter  
was rendered by the jury last night in the  
case of John H. Cornell, charged with  
murder, in the Alexandria County Circuit  
Court, Judge Nicol presiding. The pun-  
ishment was fixed at a fine of \$10. Cor-  
nell, who is a constable of the county,  
was indicted for shooting a young man  
named Wilmer N. Steele last June while  
the latter was trying to evade the ser-  
vice of a warrant charging misdemeanor.

## To be Tried in Washington.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Com-  
monwealth Attorney Mackey, of Alexan-  
dria, Va., who has been conducting a  
crusade against gambling resorts in that  
county, across the Potomac River from  
Washington, to-day charged that an  
omnibus of one of the resorts had at-  
tempted to bribe him to abandon his  
movement against pool-room interests,  
offering in addition to a monetary con-  
sideration a seat in the State Legislature  
or other political honors.

Mr. Mackey said that he had taken  
steps to have the man indicted in this  
city, where the attempt at bribery is al-  
leged to have occurred.

## BRIBERY CHARGE MADE IN COURT

Emisary of St. Asaph's Offers  
to Buy Off Prosec-  
cutor.

## GIVES HIM GRAND BOUNCE

Indictment in United States Dis-  
trict Court Against 'Frisco  
Slim, Famous Yeggman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 5.—In the  
Circuit Court to-day Commonwealth's At-  
torney Mackey sprung a sensation by de-  
claring openly in an address to the court  
that he had been offered bribes by emis-  
saries of the proprietors of the pool-rooms  
at St. Asaph, in consideration of his prom-  
ising to drop the proceedings against  
them. The State attorney said he had  
threatened to throw the offender out of  
the window if he did not come to the room  
at once. He took the attorney at his  
word and hastily departed. The matter  
came up on the hearing of the indict-  
ments against John M. Hill, Charles Bur-  
lingame and Louis Borgen, charged with  
setting up a gaming table at St. Asaph.  
Despite strenuous efforts at delay by  
counsel for the defense, Judge Nicol  
ordered that the demurrer to the indict-  
ments be argued Friday morning.

The grand jury in the United States  
Court for the Eastern District of Vir-  
ginia, to-day reported an indictment  
against John Smith, alias John Butler,  
alias 'Frisco Slim' (and with several other  
assumed names) on the charge of robbing  
the postoffice at Orange, Va., January  
21, 1901, of \$32 in stamps. An indictment  
was also reported against John Adams,  
alias D. C. Jack, charged with burglariz-  
ing the postoffice at Manassas Novem-  
ber 1, 1901, of \$70.

The indictments were reported upon evi-  
dence submitted by several detectives,  
most of them being from Baltimore, who  
have been following the operations of a  
gang of yeggmen in various cities and  
towns in Virginia. 'Frisco Slim' is a  
well known person, having been wanted  
in Virginia before for daring robberies.

## THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL GAME

Whole Question to be Fought  
Before Advisory Board  
To-day.

## MUST LOSE ONE OR OTHER

Probable the Annual Game Will  
Go to Norfolk and That They  
Will Play Indians Here.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Jan. 5.—  
The perplexing problem of fixing the place  
for playing the annual Thanksgiving Day  
football game between Virginia and  
North Carolina will be settled at a meet-  
ing of the Advisory Board of the Gen-  
eral Athletic Association to-morrow af-  
ternoon.

Norfolk will be represented by Robert  
Tunstall, Theodore Garnett and Ar-  
misted M. Dobie, while Julian Gunn and  
J. H. Drake, Jr., will be on hand to look  
after Richmond's interests.

R. B. Lee Marshall, of Baltimore, and  
Murray M. McGuire, of Richmond, alumni  
members of the Advisory Board, will at-  
tend to-morrow's meeting and give their  
advice in the solution of the matter. At  
its last meeting, the board made a coun-  
ter proposition to the alumni of the two  
colleges, who proposed to play the big  
game three successive years in Rich-  
mond as a justification of the building  
of the new park after which an alterna-  
tion with Norfolk was to be the order.

This suggestion met with violent op-  
position from Norfolk. The alumni op-  
posed it as a sop thrown to their city. On  
the other hand, it was not certainly  
known that the Richmond park could be  
built on the terms granted.

Finally the matter seems to have nar-  
rowed down to this: that one or the other  
must be disappointed. It will be un-  
fortunate for the University to lose either  
Lafayette Park or the proposed field in  
Richmond, but as the affair now stands  
that seems inevitable. It is probable  
that North Carolina consents that the  
Thanksgiving Day game will go to Nor-  
folk, and the Indian game to Richmond  
next year. As yet nothing has been set-  
tled and it is impossible to predict what  
will be done.

The board will undoubtedly decide in  
accordance with justice, as well as the  
interests of the University athletics.

## MELBA'S SON TURNS FROM FATHER TO MOTHER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
KANSAS CITY, January 5.—Charles  
Armstrong, son of Mme. Melba, who has  
spent most of his life on a ranch in Texas,  
with many doubts, inasmuch as the  
claims made by the management were far  
in excess of anything he had heard of  
in the past, has just been verified. It is a  
pleasure to be able to chronicle a perfor-  
mance of such exceptional excellence as to  
be so warmly received by the audience.  
The entire season last night with Lohengrin.  
To begin with, Lohengrin is a score that  
should be undertaken with profound re-  
verence by every artist. That the entire opera was adequately  
presented and very well interpreted is  
speaking no small praise for the initial  
performance.

William Wegener in the title role was an  
ideal knight and actor in a direct,  
sincere manner that won the sympathy of  
the audience from the first. His voice  
has improved greatly since last heard here  
in the Wednesday Club festival, and with  
his wonderfully pure diction and manly  
bearing leads one to predict splendid  
things for the future.

Another artist that since her way into  
the hearts of her listeners is Gertrude  
Rennison. A more successful of Lohengrin.

## MUSIC THRILLS GREAT AUDIENCE

Lohengrin Splendidly  
Rendered Last  
Night.

## ACADEMY FILLED BY BRILLIANT COMPANY

The Orchestra Was the Largest  
Ever in Front of the Academy  
Stage—The Leading Parts  
Handled With Convinc-  
ing Power, Supported  
by Strong Chorus.

The grand opera festival opened at the  
Academy last night with the most bril-  
liant, and certainly the most representa-  
tive audience that has gathered in that  
play-house for years. "Lohengrin," Wag-  
ner's masterpiece, was chosen as the bill  
for the opening night, and it was a wise  
selection, for while everyone has heard  
of the great composition, few of this gen-  
eration of Richmond's theatre-goers had  
heard it rendered here, as the opera has  
not been sung in this city for something  
like fourteen years.

The audience last night was one of those  
which only upon rare occasions assemble  
in a play-house. There were many who  
had not been in the theatre for years, and  
the Academy, for several years. All classes  
were represented—from the most fash-  
ionable followers of society, to those in the  
most humble walks of life.

## For Music's Love.

There were music lovers who had the  
divine passion in their souls, and went to  
be transported by the beautiful, melodious  
strains of this composition, the most com-  
plicated of scores that has ever been com-  
posed. Some of these sat in the or-  
chestra chairs, surrounded by exquisitely  
gowned women, little caring whether their  
own attire was in keeping with their  
surroundings, as long as they drank in  
the soulful music, which came from the  
score voices, and the instruments of this  
symphony. The balcony was crowded  
with the audience in that portion of the house  
being more representative than that be-  
low them or above them. It was in the  
gallery, however, that were gathered  
those to whom music is as bread to the  
poor. For the music was so good, and the  
people were so earnest, that the music  
was among those who sat in the remotest  
men and women, who live in little ships  
on side streets; people belonging to that  
class who live from hand to mouth, and  
earn their daily bread by labors that  
begin at sunrise and end in the night  
of their life. These people will go about  
to-day with music in their hearts, and  
life will seem brighter to them. The  
taste for music with the American is  
rather a cultivated taste, and it requires  
a deal of cultivating, too. In Italy, Ger-  
many and France, the people are born with  
music in their souls.

## A Splendid Orchestra.

Those who were at the Academy last  
night, because it was the right thing to  
be there, behaved very nicely, and sub-  
mitted themselves to the cultivating pro-  
cess. And if they were not inspired by  
the harmony of the music, its beautiful  
tones, and sonorous accompaniment, it  
is in the habit of their over being patrons  
of this art for the sake of the art itself.  
The orchestra was the largest that has  
ever been in front of the Academy stage.  
The writer cannot use the word orchestra  
pity, because that place was wholly in-  
adequate for the great audience of last  
night. Two rows of seats had to be  
moved in order to give room for the big  
orchestra carried by the company.

Every member of the cast possessed a  
voice full of power and of sufficient  
range for the part, and sufficient in-  
terest for the audience. The voice of  
"Lohengrin," his voice being  
rich and sweet in its tones, yet pow-  
erful in volume. He carried the audi-  
ence by storm, but by one of those feel-  
ings of the vocal cords that sometimes  
occur with the best of singers, his voice  
broke for a moment, and the audience  
in which Lohengrin declares himself a  
knight of the Holy Grail. Neither the  
audience nor the singers on the stage  
showed by a move or sign that they  
noticed this vocal failing, and when the  
number was completed, the audience  
broke forth in a perfect storm of ap-  
plause, which showed their feeling for  
the singer, and which must have made  
him feel deeply grateful.

## Miss Rennison as Elsa.

Miss Gertrude Rennison sang "Elsa,"  
with fine dramatic effect, and Miss New-  
man, not only possessed a voice of sweet-  
ness and power, but added to her  
force to her voice. Harrison V. Bennett,  
in the part of the king, sang with a full,  
rich voice, and Winifred Goff, as Freder-  
ick, and Thomas David Richards, as the  
Heralds, were both in excellent voice, and  
made a most favorable impression.

## FIRST NIGHT OF OPERA AS SEEN BY EXPERT

Mr. George B. Gaskins, director of the  
Wednesday Club, and a student of the  
Lohengrin, or rather appreciation  
of the Lohengrin as rendered last  
night.

For a fortnight past announcements of  
the advent of the Savage Grand Opera  
Company have been read by our musical  
public with more or less interest, and  
with many doubts, inasmuch as the  
claims made by the management were far  
in excess of anything he had heard of  
in the past, has just been verified. It is a  
pleasure to be able to chronicle a perfor-  
mance of such exceptional excellence as to  
be so warmly received by the audience.  
The entire season last night with Lohengrin.  
To begin with, Lohengrin is a score that  
should be undertaken with profound re-  
verence by every artist. That the entire opera was adequately  
presented and very well interpreted is  
speaking no small praise for the initial  
performance.

William Wegener in the title role was an  
ideal knight and actor in a direct,  
sincere manner that won the sympathy of  
the audience from the first. His voice  
has improved greatly since last heard here  
in the Wednesday Club festival, and with  
his wonderfully pure diction and manly  
bearing leads one to predict splendid  
things for the future.

Another artist that since her way into  
the hearts of her listeners is Gertrude  
Rennison. A more successful of Lohengrin.